ensure that State Governments implement these directions faithfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to fix the same wages for adult and child workers. The matter will be followed up if necessary.

Development of Wasteland

*269. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of (i) National Landuse and Wastelands Development Corporation and (ii) National Wastelands Development Board;

(b) whether the organisations referred to above have taken any initiative for wastelands development in the Union Territory of Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof areawise/placewise;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to develop such land, particularly near the various small railway stations/railway lines in the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) A statement showing their functions is placed on the table of the House (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. A centrally sponsored scheme for "Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-sensitive Non-Himalayan Areas" is under implementation in the Union Territory of Delhi. Further a "Delhi Wasteland Development Project" has been prepared with a view to meet the fuelwood and fodder requirements and to develop forests in the Union Territory of Delhi with an outlay of Rs. 170 lakhs to cover an area of 2000 ha. in a period of four years.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Plantation alongside of railway tracks has been taken up by Delhi Administration under social forestry schemes from the year 1984-85.

Statement

Role and functions of National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council and National Wastelands Development Board.

(1) **National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council**

The Council will be the highest policy planning and coordinating agency for all issues concerning the health and scientific management of the country's land resources. It will oversee the work of the National Wastelands Development Board and the National Landuse and Conservation Board. Recommendations of these Boards which involve larger policy issues will be placed before the Council for taking a final view.

(2) **National Wastelands Development Board**

The principal aim of the Board shall be to bring under productive use, wastelands in the country through a massive programme of afforestation and tree planting. To this end, it will undertake the following main functions:

(i) Formulate within the overall National Policy, Perspective Plan and Programmes for the management and development of wastelands in the country.

(ii) Identify the wastelands in the country to be covered under the programme of the Board.

(iii) Review the progress of implementation of programmes and schemes for the development of wasteland by different agencies within and outside the Governmment.

(iv) Approve projects and schemes for the development of wastelands through Government and other agencies.

(v) Consider and fund projects and schemes of appropriate agencies for wastelands development.

(vi) Promote, encourage and finance development of wastelands in the country through the active involvement of non-Government organisations, voluntary agencies and the public at large, including the landless.

(vii) Collaborate with the Central and State Government departments, agencies, local bodies and voluntary agencies with a view to mobilising manpower, funds and other inputs required for wastelands development programmes.

(viii) Sponsor development of appropriate technology and management; practices for wastelands development;

(ix) Create a reliable data base and documentation Centre on related aspects of wastelands development;

(x) Promote a network of nurseries and "Seed Banks" to supply quality certified planting material and seeds;

(xi) Promote training programmes and training materials for workers at various levels for optimal development utilisation of wastelands;

(xii) Prepare budgetary requirements for the Board and its wastelands development schemes;

(xiii) Interact with financial institutions for funding wastelands development programmes;

(xiv) Create general awareness in favour of wastelands development, specially through the education system;

(xv) Take up studies or set up expert groups for the purpose of preparing projects|schemes|papers, reports etc. on specified schemes;

(xvi) Act in collaboration with the National Land Use and Conservation Board in regard to matters of common concern;

(xvii) Consider and undertake all other measures necessary for promoting the development of wastelands.

Expenditure incurred on Election Campaign by Prime Minister

*270. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the dates on which the Prime Minister visited various States in connection with the election campaign for the elections held on March 23, 1987;

(b) what is the number of election meetings held by him in each State; and

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred by each State on security arrangements, etc. for the Prime Minister in this context?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH: (a)

West Bengal	March 5, 6, 14, 19, 20 and 21 1987.
Kerala	March 7, 15, 16 and 20, 1987.
J&K	March 17, 18 and 20, 1987.
(b) West Bengal	75
Kerala	53
J&K	24